



# NEW CITY LIBRARY

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF NEW CITY, CONGERS AND BARDONIA

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NEW CITY LIBRARY  
January 21, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Victor Berger, President  
Joseph Reiter, Vice President  
Ralph Sabatini, Treasurer  
David Zuckerberg, Secretary  
Agin Antony, Trustee  
Robert Axelrod, Trustee  
Anthony Feliciano, Trustee  
Phyllis Morena, Trustee  
Jeffrey Sasson, Trustee

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Marianne Silver, Director  
Shibu Abraham, Finance/Facilities Manager  
Kelly Corrado, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS:** None

## **I. INTRODUCTORY**

a. Meeting Called to Order:

Regular Meeting immediately followed the Annual Meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was previously recited at the Annual Meeting.

b. Public Comments:

Outgoing board member George Jacobson welcomed Agin Antony and Robert Axelrod and offered his best wishes to them in their new role of Trustee.

Victor Berger congratulated David Zuckerberg as President of the RCLS Board of Trustees.

c. Election of Chair of the Meeting:

- Upon motion made by Joseph Reiter and duly seconded by David Zuckerberg, it was:

*RESOLVED, that Victor Berger be elected as Chair of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of January 21, 2016.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#1-01/2016)

d. Election of Officers and Appointment of Committee Chairmen:

The following motions for the appointment of officers were made:

- Upon motion made by Ralph Sabatini and duly seconded by Joseph Reiter, it was:

*RESOLVED, that Victor Berger be elected as President of the Board of Trustees.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#2-01/2016)

- Upon motion made by Ralph Sabatini and duly seconded by Agin Antony, it was:

*RESOLVED, that Joseph Reiter be elected as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#3-01/2016-RM)

- Upon motion made by Victor Berger and duly seconded by Robert Axelrod, it was:

*RESOLVED, that Ralph Sabatini be elected as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#4-01/2016)

- Upon motion made by Victor Berger and duly seconded by Ralph Sabatini, it was:

*RESOLVED, that David Zuckerberg be elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#5-01/2016)

President Berger appointed the following Committee Chairmen:

- Ralph Sabatini to the Personnel and Finance Committee
- Jeffrey Sasson to the Buildings and Grounds Committee
- Phyllis Morena to the Policy and Planning Committee

President Berger appointed the following Ad Hoc Committee Chairmen:

- Robert Axelrod as the Liaison to the Friends of the New City Library
- The Nominating Committee will be appointed at a later date.
- Joseph Reiter to the Legal Affairs Committee

- Victor Berger, Joseph Reiter, and Ralph Sabatini will continue on the Negotiating Committee until the Staff Association contract is finalized.

Following the appointment of the chairmen to the various committees by the President, the Board members each volunteered for seats on the committees. The following is a listing of the committees:

- Personnel and Finance Committee:
  - Ralph Sabatini (Chair)
  - Agin Antony
  - Joseph Reiter
  - Jeffrey Sasson
  - David Zuckerberg
- Buildings and Grounds:
  - Jeffrey Sasson (Chair)
  - Anthony Feliciano
  - Joseph Reiter
- Policy and Planning:
  - Phyllis Morena (Chair)
  - Robert Axelrod
  - Ralph Sabatini
- Negotiating Committee:
  - Victor Berger (Chair)
  - Joseph Reiter
  - Ralph Sabatini
- Friends of the Library:
  - Robert Axelrod (Chair)
- Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee will be appointed at a later date
- Legal Affairs Committee:
  - Joseph Reiter (Chair)

President Berger recommended that the Committees meet at least once per month and encouraged participation and cooperation among the Trustees in their respective committees. Phyllis Morena encouraged E-mail communications among the Trustees.

## II. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Victor Berger presented the proposed Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 17, 2015, for acceptance.

- Upon motion made by Victor Berger and duly seconded by David Zuckerberg, it was:

*RESOLVED, that the Board accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 17, 2015.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#6-01/2016)

## III. REPORTS

### a. Personnel and Finance Committee:

David Zuckerberg reported that it appears that the Library is on budget. A general discussion was held regarding the budget and how the checks are approved. Marianne Silver, David Zuckerberg, and Shibu Abraham offered explanations regarding the budget increase and the cap.

### b. Financial Report for December 31 and Warrant #6:

- Upon motion made by David Zuckerberg and duly seconded by Ralph Sabatini, it was:

*RESOLVED, that the Board accept the Financial Report and approves Warrant #6 in the amount of \$342,005.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#7-01/2016)

### c. Building and Grounds Committee:

Jeffrey Sasson reported that the Committee had a short meeting and that the masonry/structural repair project is coming to a close. A curb cut for handicapped access will be installed after the winter when the weather improves.

Victor Berger suggested that the light fixtures be improved for appearance.

### d. Policy and Planning Committee:

No report was offered at this time.

e. Ad Hoc Committees:

i. Liaison to the Friends of the New City Library:

No report was offered at this time. A general discussion was held regarding possible methods that can be used to generate interest in the Friends of the Library once the FOL is active.

ii. Nominating Committee (J. Reiter, chair):

Joseph Reiter had no report to offer at this time since the trustee elections were complete.

iii. Legal Affairs of the New City Library (J. Reiter, chair):

Joseph Reiter had no report to offer at this time.

Victor Berger proposed that the Board re-appoint Brian Nugent, Esq., of Feerick Lynch MacCartney PLLC, as the official counsel to the Library.

- Upon motion made by Victor Berger and duly seconded by Joseph Reiter, it was:

*RESOLVED, that the Board appoint Brian Nugent, Esq., of Feerick Lynch MacCartney PLLC, as the official counsel to the New City Library.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#8-01/2016)

Victor Berger proposed that the Board re-appoint O'Connor Davies LLC as the official auditors to the Library.

- Upon motion made by Victor Berger and duly seconded by David Zuckerberg, it was:

*RESOLVED, that the Board appoint O'Connor Davies LLC as the official auditors to the New City Library.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#9-01/2016)

Victor Berger proposed that the Board re-appoint the *Journal News* as the official newspaper to the Library.

- Upon motion made by Victor Berger and duly seconded by Ralph Sabatini, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board appoint the Journal News as the official newspaper of the New City Library.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#10-01/2016)

f. President (V. Berger):

Victor Berger offered no report at this time.

g. Director (M. Silver):

Marianne Silver reported that Grace Riario, Assistant Director at RCLS, will meet with the Board prior to the February Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. to review the *2015 Trustee Handbook* with them.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Phyllis Morena suggested that the Board implement guidelines regarding public comments. She recommended that the Board report on any actions taken regarding public comments in an effort to satisfy the public that their concerns are addressed.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

- Upon motion made by Victor Berger and duly seconded by Ralph Sabatini, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board adjourn the meeting.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#11-01/2016)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by David Zuckerberg, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
NEW CITY LIBRARY  
February 11, 2016

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**REGULAR MEETING MOTIONS**

(RM#1-01/2016) Upon motion made by Joseph Reiter and duly seconded by David Zuckerberg, it was:

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